

He met and married Caron Allen in August 1994.

Henry and Caron joined Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church of Colorado Springs in 1996. He faithfully served the church as a Deacon and as Director of Security. The congregation knows Deacon Allen as a "man of integrity" who was always willing to offer his assistance and a friendly smile to others.

After retiring from the U.S. Army, Henry joined the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO), serving first as a security technician and then as a deputy sheriff. He retired in 2011.

A longtime member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Henry became very active in 1998, first serving as Chairman of the Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs Committee and then Chairman of Legal Redress for the local branch and the State Conference. He was elected as President of the Colorado Springs NAACP in 2013 and served until February 2016.

Henry founded a local branch of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in February 2016. Under Henry's leadership, the SCLC Conference brought a commitment to the Pikes Peak region to bring about the promise of "one nation, under God, indivisible," together with the commitment to activate the "strength to love" within the community of humankind.

Henry strived to be a voice for those who had none. His leadership was instrumental in the effort to rename a 10-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 24 in honor of the Buffalo Soldiers, an African American regiment that served primarily on the Western frontier after the Civil War.

He served on the D-49 School Board. Ensuring that children had access to quality education and character-building opportunities was a priority for Henry.

Additionally, Henry was a leader within the local Republican Party. His patriotic spirit and commitment to service inspired complete strangers to get involved with the political process.

Throughout his 67 years on this earth, Henry followed in the footsteps of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., epitomizing the words found in Micah 6:8.

"He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Henry was a champion for justice. As a member of law enforcement and a veteran, Henry advocated for both his brothers and sisters in uniform, as well as those who were treated unfairly in his community.

He loved mercy and compassion. Henry always lent a helping hand to the underprivileged. Feeding the hungry, caring for the homeless, and protecting the oppressed generated strong community ties and deep relationships with others.

Henry walked humbly. Although he was usually the sharpest dressed man in the room, Henry never made anyone feel insignificant or unworthy. Though personally confident and professionally accomplished, he treated everyone with dignity.

Henry had many joys in his lifetime, but his family and his unwavering faith were the greatest of those. He is survived by his cherished wife, Reverend Doctor Caron Allen; chil-

dren, Marcia T. Wilson (Laderrick), Jeana Allen-Morris (Kevin), Mauricia A. Pledger, Paula P. Mitchell, Sherida L. Allen, Melissa M. Allen, Brian R. Allen, Denise A. Rucker; 22 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents and his sons, Alexander T. McGowan and Jason R. Allen.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in Congress join me in celebrating and honoring the life of Henry Allen, Jr., a leader, a believer, a patriot, and a friend to so many.

Henry has surely heard the words spoken in the Gospel of Matthew:

"... the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world . . . For I was naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.'"

HONORING REVEREND EVERT LOCKLEAR

HON. DAN BISHOP

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2022

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Reverend Evert Locklear of Maxton, North Carolina. Evert was the oldest known Lumbee elder when he passed away on October 8th, at the age of 103. Evert will be remembered as a pillar of the Lumbee tribe, a dedicated pastor, and a World War II veteran.

In 1943, Evert answered the call to serve our nation in the United States Navy. Not long after joining the Navy, Evert was deployed to Pearl Harbor on the USS *Kay Perchwell*. Following that stint, Evert spent the duration of the war stationed in the Philippines where his unit specialized in automotive repair. In August 1945, he returned home to his family in North Carolina.

Back home in North Carolina, Evert was among the Lumbee Tribe members who famously opposed the Ku Klux Klan in what is now known as the Battle of Hayes Pond. He also served his community as the beloved pastor at Community Holiness Church of Rennert for 15 years. Evert loved fixing cars and trucks, working as an auto body repairman until age 95. His dedication to the Lumbee Tribe and his community will always be admired and remembered.

Evert leaves behind 12 children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren to cherish his memory. I will be praying for the Lumbee and for Evert's family as they reflect on his impactful life and remarkable legacy.

COMMEMORATION OF BRIGADIER GENERAL (RETIRED) LEE R. REID, JR'S SERVICE TO OUR NATION

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a superb Soldier and citizen for his tireless commitment to the United

States Army, serving our Nation for 31 years, including as the Commandant of the Mississippi Military Academy at Camp Shelby, the largest Reserve Component training site in the United States. After his retirement from the Army National Guard in 1994, Brigadier General Reid continued to serve Mississippians with his position at Pearl River Community College, where he provided education and training for local businesses and industries. Now that Brigadier General Reid is fully retired, I believe it is fitting to recognize his service and dedication to his local community, the State of Mississippi, our Armed Forces, and this great Nation.

Brigadier General Reid's commitment to service enabled him to excel in numerous leadership positions throughout his Army career. He began his career by commissioning in the U.S. Army in 1963 after graduating from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Lee was selected as one of the first Platoon Leaders to join the newly reactivated 11th Air Assault Division (Test), in Fort Benning, Georgia. This Air Assault Division was developed to explore the theory and practicality of an alternative means by which the Army Infantry and Aviation conducted future conflicts. Helicopter assault tactics and the equipment required to operate effectively in this role had never been utilized in combat operations, and Brigadier General Reid contributed to this significant revolution in military tactics.

Throughout the rest of his amazing career, Brigadier General Reid commanded Soldiers at every level from platoon through battalion, always placing the needs of his Soldiers and their families first. He also completed numerous demanding Army schools, to include Airborne School, Ranger School, the Special Forces Qualification Course, and the Command and General Staff Course. He distinguished himself as a tactical and technical expert, serving in several overseas training missions to England, Germany, Spain, as well as responding to several State Emergency Operations. In recognition of his achievements, Brigadier General Reid was awarded the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, the Mississippi Magnolia Cross, Mississippi Magnolia Medal, and the Mississippi War Medal.

I join the rest of the Mississippi delegation and our National Guard leaders in my gratitude and appreciation to Brigadier General Reid for his outstanding leadership and unwavering support. This Nation is grateful for his commitment and the personal sacrifices he has made during his time in the Mississippi Army National Guard and his subsequent civilian service to his community.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the United States of America, I commend Brigadier General Lee R. Reid Jr and his family for their dedicated support to our Army, our Soldiers, and this Nation. congratulate him on an extremely successful career, his dedication to service, and wish him a fulfilling and restful retirement.

HONORING THE JENKS WAR MEMORIAL NEVER FORGET GARDEN

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2022

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the centennial commission of